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**Subject:** RE: draft response to Chatham County  
**Attachments:** Chatham methane resolution.pdf

Jenni, Thank you for the edits. The Chatham County resolution is attached. See updated letter below for your approval.

[lindsay.ray@chathamnc.org](mailto:lindsay.ray@chathamnc.org)

Ms. Lindsay K. Ray:

I received your letter dated September 21, 2017, regarding Resolution to Slow the Climate Crisis by Reducing Methane Emissions from Natural Gas Systems, which was adopted by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners on September 18, 2017. Climate change is an important issue to the Governor, and he has taken several actions to increase clean energy and address greenhouse gas emissions in North Carolina.

North Carolina recently joined the U.S. Climate Alliance, which is a group of fifteen states (including Puerto Rico) committed to meeting their share of the Paris Agreement greenhouse gas reduction targets. In addition, the Governor recently signed H 589, which is expected to double North Carolina's solar capacity over the next four years. North Carolina currently is ranked second in the nation for installed solar capacity. Further, the Governor issued Executive Order No. 11, Promoting Wind Energy Development, which directs the N.C. Department of Environmental Quality, the Department of Commerce, and other state entities to support and promote the development of wind energy in North Carolina. Governor Cooper also strongly opposes drilling for oil and gas off North Carolina's coast.

Please relay to the Board of Commissioners my appreciation for sharing the resolution with the Governor's Office and for their commitment to reducing greenhouse gas emissions in our state.

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**From:** Whichard, Jordan  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 26, 2017 11:54 AM  
**To:** Owen, Jenni <Jenni.Owen@nc.gov>; Tarr, Jeremy M <jeremy.tarr@nc.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: draft response to Chatham County

FYI – I also received a copy of this later in the day yesterday address to the Gov.

**From:** Owen, Jenni  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2017 5:23 PM  
**To:** Tarr, Jeremy M <[jeremy.tarr@nc.gov](mailto:jeremy.tarr@nc.gov)>  
**Cc:** Whichard, Jordan <[Jordan.Whichard@nc.gov](mailto:Jordan.Whichard@nc.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: draft response to Chatham County

Thanks for drafting - I don't see the resolution, can you share it?

What you have looks fine though I think it's best to stay away from commitments that we can't be sure of. I might say something like "the Gov has taken several actions that reflect his shared concern that we advance clean energy and...emissions..." and then mention that NC has joined the Climate Alliance and other actions/commitments that already have been made.

(Is name Kindsay or Lindsay?)

**From:** Tarr, Jeremy M  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 3:13 PM  
**Subject:** draft response to Chatham County  
**To:** Owen, Jenni  
**Cc:** Whichard, Jordan

Jenni, The Clerk of the Chatham County Commissioners sent me (addressed to me) a resolution the board passed asking the Governor to appoint a body to recommend strategies for reducing methane emissions and moving NC toward a carbon-free energy sector. Wanted to get your sign off before replying by email.

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Ms. Kindsay K. Ray:

I received your letter dated September 21, 2017, regarding Resolution to Slow the Climate Crisis by Reducing Methane Emissions from Natural Gas Systems, which was adopted by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners on September 18, 2017. Addressing climate change is an important issue for the Governor, and I appreciate you sharing the resolution with me. We will consider it as we continue to develop strategies for advancing clean energy and reducing greenhouse gas emissions in North Carolina.

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